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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Training

SUBJECT : Briefing of JOT Wives

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1. As a result of my recent exploratory discussion with Col. Edwards, I have a better idea of the types of dependents' briefings that he favors and those that he has reservations about. I have since discussed in greater detail the proposal for a briefing of JOT wives with [ ] C/JOTP. When I spoke to Col. Edwards, I spoke of various kinds of dependents' briefings, without distinguishing too much in a security sense, the new proposals from the classified briefing which now exists for dependents of Agency personnel scheduled to go overseas. What I would now propose for wives of JOT's is a type of briefing which has not heretofore been discussed in this connection: an official, but unclassified briefing. It meets the requirements of [ ] and I think it will meet with the approval of Col. Edwards.

2. Since the rate of personnel "turnover" may have security implications in a program of this sort, it is important that I clear up any misconception that I may have given Col. Edwards on this matter. I quoted him a rather high percentage figure that I had heard but had not verified. The figure was erroneous. I have since checked the official figures. They reveal that from July 1951 (when the JOT program was launched) to January 1957, 312 persons were admitted under the program. Of these, 74 persons, or 24%, were lost to the Agency before permanent assignment to an Office, Staff, or Division. This 24% figure is not, of course, an annual rate; it is a five and one-half year figure. Further, of the 74, 38 were lost in the OCS program and 12 did not pass the final security hurdle that is part of the EOD process. Since only single men go into the military, they would not be involved in the briefing presently under consideration; nor, of course, would those who do not get the final security approval. Thus, of the 24% who have left the program, only 8% would have been eligible for this briefing, and even this number is too high since it includes women and single men.

3. After consultation with [ ] the briefing which I now propose would be unclassified, except for some appropriate remarks on the necessity of cover. JOT's are all considered eligible for overseas duty, and they are all provided with official cover as they EOD. Hence, the necessity and desirability of a few remarks on its meaning by a Security Officer. In this connection, I note that the Office of Communications gives security and cover briefings to wives the moment their husbands EOD. All I would add is an unclassified, substantive talk stressing CIA's place in the American Government and the importance

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of intelligence to policy. Nothing would be mentioned of clandestine
activities. There is a good deal of statutory and other open material
available for such a presentation, which I have given before. We might
also want to include some personnel-type information, such as the excel-
lent insurance program we have, and possibly some medical information.

4. The primary objective of the JOT Wives Briefing is to bring
about a mutual understanding between a man and his wife in regards to
his work. That work is unique in that he may not discuss it with her,
but it must never come between the two of them. She must understand
and be sympathetic to the demands that will be made on her husband
and on herself if she is to be a source of strength to him. The wives
will be called upon to make certain sacrifices, such as week-long periods
of separation when the husband is at [   ] or sudden tours of duty
to be taken with little advance notice. They will not begrudge such
sacrifices if they believe in the mission of this Agency, and if they
share their husbands' motivation. The briefing I am proposing is pri-
marily designed to help realize this objective, an objective of importance
to this Agency.

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